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In the application of :  
 Jeffrey V. Bamber : Confirmation No. 6104  
 Serial No.: 10/672,138 : Group Art Unit 3765  
 Filed: September 26, 2003 : Examiner  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, record is being made on the attached Form PTO/SB08 of documents which the Patent Office may wish to consider in connection with examination of the above-identified patent application. It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be carefully considered by the Examiner and made of record in this case. As provided in §1.97(g), no representation is made or intended that a thorough art search was made. As provided in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(h), this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission of any kind, and specifically is not an admission that the documents listed on attached form PTO/SB08 are, or are considered to be, material to the patentability of the above-identified patent application, as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

1. ☐ 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1) - U.S. Direct (use when filing IDS with nonprovisional patent application, or with Request for Continued Examination (RCE); or within 3 months of filing a nonprovisional patent application)

This information disclosure statement, submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1), is being filed with the patent application, with a Request for Continued Examination or within three months of the filing date of a national application. Therefore, no fee is believed to be due.

2. ☒ 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3) - (use when filing IDS more than 3 months after filing a nonprovisional patent application, but prior to receipt of first Office Action)

This information disclosure statement is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3). Applicants have not received an Office Action on the merits in the present application. Therefore, no fee is believed to be due.

3. ☐ 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(4) - (use when filing IDS prior to receipt of first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under §1.114)

This information disclosure statement is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(4). Applicants have not received a first Office Action after filing a Request For Continued Examination (RCE). Therefore, no fee is believed to be due.

4. ☐ 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) with fee payment - (use when filing IDS after receipt of first Office Action, and before receipt of Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution)

This information disclosure statement is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c). Applicant(s) have not received a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113, a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (e.g., *Ex parte Quayle*) as of the date of this submission. Applicant(s) elect to pay the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p).

5. ☐ Information to be Considered with Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) Filing (use when filing IDS with a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) for Design Case). This information disclosure statement is being filed with a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d).

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE NOTED BY THE EXAMINER:**

- ☐ (1) (For use with applications filed prior to or on June 30, 2003.) Copies of the cited documents are enclosed.

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- ☒ (2) (For use with applications filed after June 30, 2003.) In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), Applicants are submitting copies of foreign patent documents and non-patent literature.

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- ☐ (3) All of the cited references were previously cited by or submitted to the USPTO in prior application Case No. \_\_\_\_, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. \_\_, filed \_\_. Applicants

claim priority to said application under 35 U.S.C. §120. Accordingly, copies of previously submitted references are not provided with this Statement, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d). It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be carefully considered by the Examiner and made of record in this case.

OR

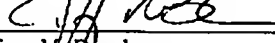
☐ (4) Copies of all said documents, except Cite Numbers \_\_\_\_\_, were submitted and considered in parent application U.S. Patent Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_. Applicant(s) claim priority to said application under 35 U.S.C. §120. Accordingly, copies of previously submitted references are not provided with this Statement, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d). Copies of references not previously submitted are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be carefully considered by the Examiner and made of record in this case.

☐ (5) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(c), a concise explanation of the relevance of each cited reference that is not in the English language is provided.

☐ (6) Applicants also respectfully request the Examiner to consider and make of record the co-pending applications listed on the attached page.

☒ Additional information is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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According to the New Sales Specialist at Velcro USA Inc., VELCRO fasteners are not considered to be air tight since they are woven products. See VELCRO® Brand Loop 152, Velcro USA Inc. Product Information Guide described on accompanying Form PTO/SB08A. Velcro USA Inc. has no information on the breathability of this loop material in terms of cubic ft./min. The hook material that mates with VELCRO® Brand Loop 152 is VELCRO® Brand Hook 088. According to the New Sales Specialist at Velcro USA Inc., if these materials are attached to a substrate with an adhesive, this would negate some of the breathability.

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